

DESTINY, DOMINION & DEMONSTRATION

God revels in taking something insignificant, minor or hopeless and making something great. In fact 1st Corinthians 1 talks straight about this very thing. Paul said that God deliberately chooses weak, powerless things to prove himself strong. What an amazing thing to celebrate - the awesome fact that God is looking for people just like me and you - people who recognize their drastic limitations and are willing to do what it takes to learn to live in the covenant of covenants.

If you can accomplish your vision with your resources, then your vision is much too small!

Suppose you were seeking a group to send a significant number of people to India to assist in your largest undertaking to date; wouldn't you go to large churches with resources in abundance? Not God! He gave us a wonderful gift wrapped in a miniscule package. The name of the gift was Heart of Praise, a church on the outskirts of San Antonio with an average Sunday morning attendance of 50. But do not let the size of their congregation dictate your thinking about the size of their vision. Two years ago God put a dream in the heart of Pastors Steve and Melissa Caddell to take a team to minister with Wade and Linda in India, and they instilled that vision in their people. **Together they raised over \$27,000 to send eleven people to the other side of the globe.**

"This ministry will be built on relationships." That is what God whispered to Wade's heart five years ago. Based on that word Wade and Linda have continued to build relationships not based on outward appearances, but on those with whom God connects them. Springing from that obedience has come provision.

Do you have a big dream? Does it seem as though it is much bigger than you could ever accomplish? Good! You are in the right place. *"A little one shall become a thousand and a small one a strong nation, because I the Lord will hasten it."* Isaiah 60:22

Listen to the heart of the One who wants more for us than we could even dream ourselves; He wants to do big things *in us* so He can do big things *through us!*

"I never want to do anything alone! Leaders always take others with them." Wade Thompson

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EACH NIGHT THE PEOPLE GATHERED...

From the moment their feet hit the soil in India, God proved Himself strong with miracle after miracle on the behalf of the team of thirteen – and that was before the crusade even started! Beginning with answers on how to get an American team (and their luggage! And a “portable” sound system!) from the airport to the train station, God provided according to *His* riches – not their ability. Buses from unexpected sources, empty streets and empty train stations - these are just a sampling of what the most high God did to ensure that the team had a positive first impression of this great nation and its people.

For years great dreams were dreamed, prayers were prayed and faith was stretched to see this extraordinary event take place. In 2002, the first time Wade and Linda traveled through the area, they felt the Holy Spirit nudging them. On their way to the “end of the road” (literally) to dedicate a church building, they passed through an area near the town of Ranchi, in the new state of Jarkhand, in North India. They sensed a strong impression from God: “I want to do something here” is what He wrote across Wade’s spirit. Now in January 2004, thirteen Americans had arrived to conduct a five-day “Family Hope and Peace Festival.”

The very first miracle was a healing that took place on the crusade grounds as the team interceded for the upcoming open-air crusade. Sylvia, a team member, walked up to Pastor Steve and Melissa Caddell of Heart of Praise Worship Center and quietly told them that God had healed her eyes. “I can see the children’s faces – clearly,” she said with tears streaming down her face. She had worn

glasses since she was a child.

After that there were so many things happening that people lost count. One day at morning devotions, Peter, an Indian pastor who was traveling and ministering with us said, “I forget to tell about a miracle that took place last night during the crusade. Lisa, Tina and I prayed for a six-year-old boy who had never walked because he had polio as a baby. Someone had to carry him everywhere. We laid our hands on him and he walked for the first time. His parents were weeping.” That was typical of the mighty things that God did each and every day.

Here is a sampling of the greatness of God!

- Leaders’ conference with well over 1,000 in attendance each day who were fed three delicious meals each day. 75% of them were housed also.

- Open-air meetings for five nights with attendance swelling to over 4,000 on the last night

- 1,276 documented first-time salvations (with believers doing

follow-up work)

- 1,700 students (99% were from Hindu/Muslim families) SAW the Gospel through the medium of drama and heard the Gospel preached (almost all for the first time) with almost a 100% show of hands when the plan of salvation was presented. Please take note that it was emphasized that to accept this invitation, they had to accept Jesus as their **only** God!

- Hundreds received the in-filling of the Holy Spirit
- Miracles, including healings of deafness, back





**FOR THE GREATEST EXPLOIT EVER ATTEMPTED
BY LWMI OR LEARNING TO PLAN
ACCORDING TO VISION NOT MEANS!**

injuries, tumors, and many others, each night

- 5,000 New Testaments and Books of Light (Gospel of John and instructions for new believers) were given out to new believers, students and the entire police force in the city

- Each day newspapers, with both local and statewide coverage, had articles about the crusade with a very positive comments

- Two of our guards accepted the Lord
- So many schools asked us to come that we had to turn down invitations to nine schools!
- The team was able to buy eleven bicycles for young evangelists

- **Leaders from 56 Christian denominations & organizations in the city worked hand-in-hand!**



Many more significant and historic things happened that could fill volumes, but I think you get a sense of the extraordinary things God did during this time.

After fifteen days of intensive ministry, that team went home; Wade and Linda then welcomed the second team, which was much smaller (two ministers from Mexico) but equally as effective. They joined our team which now consisted of Indians, Mexicans, and Americans! Quite a diverse group. The latter two weeks the team ministered to ministry leaders, Bible-school students and hungry believers. Once again the team was able to purchase 90 complete Bibles, bicycles, and provide a sound system for believers in North India.

What a beautiful thing God has placed in our hands!



Team **WORK** in Honduras

1985 was the first time that two skinny (believe it - it's true!) kids named Wade and Linda left home to spend time trying their best to help two missionaries whom they held in very high esteem - Mike and Karen Hines in LaCeiba, Honduras. That was when the 'mission bug' first bit. Since that time they have been back countless times to help in any way they could. Bringing construction teams, preaching, teaching, helping with Royal Ranger projects along with various and sundry other ministries.

The latter part of April marked the latest team effort launched by LWMI. Two very gifted men took on the challenge to help with the construction of Centro de Amistad, the name of the congregation that will meet in the five-story church building which has been the long-time dream of Mike Hines.

Upon arrival they were surprised to find that Brother Mike was also



holding an open-air evangelistic meeting. So during the day, they faithfully worked with their hands on a physical building and each night, assisted not only with needs such as the lighting, but also assisted in helping to build lives. Because of faithful partners, they were also able to give \$1,100 toward building material for the building. Thanks Bennie and James!



Speaking of Honduras!

Are you interested in hangin' out with some extremely awesome missionaries? In fact, are you interested in doing some mission work? If you are, then look no further - here is the opportunity for you! August 7 - 17, some cool people are going to be preaching in the streets of LaCeiba, Honduras and surrounding areas.

What! You mean you don't know anything about ministering or preaching or giving your testimony? Not to worry. We train you! Really, we do! Much of the preaching will be done through dramas that are easy to learn.

What are the requirements, you ask. Well, first

and foremost you must be a Believer (the kind that believes that Jesus is the Christ). After that, it's all down hill.

If that sounds like something you might be interested in, just log on the web site, write to us, or call us - there are new team trips all the time. All the info that you need to contact us, is on the last page of this publication.

Let's Go!



I've Been Everywhere Man

If you have been keeping up with LWMI for some time, then you may have read an article some years ago entitled *Waltz Across Texas With You*. Well, I have changed my tune... Our borders have definitely expanded! Not only are we venturing into new territories overseas, but recently we have made several ministry trips that kept Wade and Linda in very close contact. In our faithful Isuzu, we ministered in Georgia, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Missouri, and Texas within a six-week period. (Whew!) God also opened great doors to minister and make new relationships in California and Nevada.

Sincere thanks to everyone that gave us such warm hospitality! *Can't Wait to Get on the Road Again!*

Once again LWMI is deeply impacted by the courage and dedication of the Chinese believers.

While in China teaching leaders in the underground church, the persecution intensified and the team had to move several times to protect the identity of the Chinese believers. Chuck (missionary to China for over ten years) said that it was some of the most intense persecution of the Church that he had seen. Wade (Linda was at home awaiting the birth of Reed, their fifth grandson) had an opportunity to spend time on a more intimate level with many of the young men because he stayed in the "safehouse" (a place that is safely tucked away, out of the probing eyes of the Chinese police) before Martin Fessler arrived. Even though most of them had a language barrier, Wade developed a deep love and admiration for these extraordinary believers from the Lipo, Naxi and other tribes as far away as Kazakhstan, which is a 47-hour train ride. There were also Tibetan believers that sat for hours listening to the spoken Word.

Wade and Martin ended up in a farmhouse four hours from the original location teaching men and women Bible truths, including leadership principles. Despite the interruptions, the Word of God was taught and 30 leaders received much needed teaching and encouragement.

Pray for our brothers and sisters in countries such as China. They face battles that are hard for you and me to even imagine.



Thank you once again for the *gift of your partnership*. Your investment represents your time, your expertise, time spent away from your family to earn the money. It also means that you are praying for us because we know that you would not send money without praying. Partnering means that you believe in what God is doing through us. And since you are a part of the Body of Christ, it is God Himself validating us - giving us a pat on the back! So, thank you! Your giving nourishes in so many ways.

LWMI is a faith ministry. Every dollar that comes in for projects or salary is given by God through the Body of Christ.

Where Your Gifts Were Sown in 2003

Ministry Projects	42.3%
Salary	41.3%
Gifts Given	5.3%
Telephone	3.2%
Travel (US only)	1.9%
Office Supplies	1.4%
Reference Materials	0.9%
Postage	0.7%
Other	3.0%



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Doing More in 2004!

June 10 - June 28 Please pray as our team trains for street outreach and then leaves for Eastern Germany/Poland. We will be ministering to people who have grown up believing that the state is their God.

July 25 Grace Family Fellowship, Pasadena, TX
Pastors Jim and Nancy Gideon

August 1 Vineyard Church, Long Beach, CA
Pastors Jim and Eileen Williams

August 7-18 Prep camp/ministry in LaCeiba, Honduras (There is still time to sign up!)

September Missions month at Church of the Living Water, Deer Park, Texas

October 20-31 China, Naxi-minority outreach

November 3-7 Chang Mai, Thailand
Servants of Servants

November 12-23 India, leadership training & project planning

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February-March WorldVenture India

For a more detailed itinerary, please see the above-referenced website

Passion Projects

0.75 buys a New Testament
\$75 buys at least one bicycle for an evangelist or pastor
\$100 buys a laptop that has a complete Bible school curriculum installed
\$650 buys a motorcycle
\$1,500 buys a tent for a congregation
\$3,500 buys a Jesus Film, projector and generator
\$2,500-\$5,000 buys a building for a congregation
\$5,000-\$8,000 buys a vehicle so teams can reach remote locations
LWMI prefers to put tools into the hands of believers. There are three evangelists in North India that need motorcycles. We are also hoping to place 20 of the laptop Bible schools and three Jesus-film systems.

Are you interested in inviting the God that created everything around you to become involved in your life?

The first step is to pray this prayer and really mean it:

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). I am calling on You. I pray and ask Jesus to come into my heart and be Lord over my life according to Romans 10:9-10. "If you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and will believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved." I do that now. I confess that Jesus is Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead.

If you prayed that prayer, contact us at the addresses listed above.